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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicant has canceled claims 1-31 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new claims 32-77. Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, claims 32-77 will

be pending.

Applicant maintains that the addition of new claims 32-77 does not raise an issue

of new matter. Support for new claims 32-77 can be found at least in original claims 1-31

and inter alia in the specification on page 7, line 13 through page 16, line 8. Accordingly,

entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Declaration

The Notice indicates that an oath or declaration of the inventor is missing.

Applicant attaches as **Exhibit 2** a Declaration (2 pages) for the subject application in

compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63, identifying the application by application number and

filing date.

Power of Attorney

Applicant attaches as **Exhibit 3** a Power of Attorney (1 page) for the

subject application.

Change of Attorney Docket Number

Please note that the Attorney Docket Number for the subject application has

changed to "29248/18." Please use new Attorney Docket No. 29248/18 in all future

correspondence.

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Small Entity Status

Applicant claims small entity status as a sole inventor pursuant to 37 C.F.R. $\S 1.27(a)(1)$ Person.

CONCLUSIONS

A check for \$825.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees for a small entity: \$55.00 for a one month extension of time; \$385.00 statutory basic filing fee; \$65.00 late declaration surcharge; \$234.00 for filing 26 total claims in excess of 20 claims (\$9.00 per excess claim); and \$86.00 for filing 2 independent claims in excess of 3 independent claims (\$43.00 per excess independent claim). No additional fee is deemed necessary in connection with the submission of this Preliminary Amendment, Response to March 4, 2004 Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application, and Petition for a One Month Extension of Time. However, if any other fee is required to maintain the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to withdraw the amount of any such fee from Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overpayments may also be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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